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SUBJ: MBFR: DUTCH PAPER ON DATA: SPC DISCUSSION FEB 11

REF: A) USNATO 536; B) USNATO 644; C) STATE 28114

1. SPC ON FEB 11 RETURNED TO DUTCH PAPER OF JANUARY 30, WHICH CALLED FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF THE NEED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF DATA WITH THE OTHER SIDE(REF A).

2. U.S. REP (MOORE) DREW ON INSTRUCTIONS IN REF C, AND SUPPORTED A MANDATE FOR THE MBFR WG LIMITED TO PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT OF WHICH FIGURES IF ANY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE AGREEMENT ON WITH THE OTHER SIDE.

3. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) ON PERSONAL BASIS SAID THE NEED TO RE-EXAMINE THE ALLIED APPROACH ON EXCHANGE OF DATA HAD NOT YET ARISEN. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE OTHER SIDE WOULD LEARN THROUGH LEAKS
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ABOUT A WORKING GROUP STUDY AS COMPREHENSIVE AS THE DUTCH WERE PROPOSING,
AND WOULD THINK THAT THE ALLIED POSITION WAS ABOUT TO CHANGE.
HE NOTED THAT THE EAST HAD REFUSED TO EXCHANGE DATA IN GENEVA

IN THE CBM CONTEXT, AND IT WOULD NOT BE LOGICAL TO EXPECT THEM TO EXCHANGE DATA IN MBFR AT THIS TIME.

4. DANISH REP (VILLADSON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THAT THE WARSAW PACT WOULD NOT EXCHANGE DATA, BUT THE TIME HAD NOT YET COME TO STOP PRESSING THEM FOR IT. HE WELCOMED A WG STUDY.

5. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) CONSIDERED U.S. RECOMMENDATION ON THE WG MANDATE UNDULY RESTRICTIVE. UK REP (BAILES) SUGGESTED THAT THE SPC ASK THE WG TO SEE WHICH DATA IF ANY ARE ESSENTIAL TO BE AGREED UPON WITH THE OTHER SIDE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE PRESENT ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION. CHAIRMAN (KASTL) LIKED THE UK REP'S SUGGESTION, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE WG TO DO ITS ANALYSIS OF WHICH FIGURES, IF ANY, ARE ESSENTIAL, IN TERMS OF VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT ALLIED POSITION, AND NOT IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVES IN THE DUTCH PAPER. NETHERLANDS REP THOUGHT THAT A MANDATE OF THIS SORT WOULD SATISFY HIS AUTHORITIES.

6. SPC WILL AGAIN CONSIDER THE WG MANDATE ON THURSDAY, FEB 13.

7. COMMENT: THE UK SUGGESTION COMPLIES WITH PARA 2, REF C, AND IF THE NETHERLANDS REP CAN SUPPORT IT, AT FEB 13 SPC MEETING, MISSION INTENDS TO SUPPORT IT ALSO. BRUCE

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